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FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO PRESIDENTIAL PARTY: RON NESSEN; PETER
RODMAN AND DAVID GOMPERT FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER; ED SAVAGE
PRESIDENT FAR EAST TRIP-II (TAKE TWO OF THREE)

A CORRESPONDENT IN TOKYO FOR PRO-GAULLIST FRANCE-SOIR OF PARIS
REPORTED THAT "EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE IN TOKYO TO MAKE PEOPLE BELIEVE
THAT THE ANTI-AMERICAN ALLERGY HAS DISAPPEAREDFROM JAPAN, BUT
THEY SEEM NOT TO HAVE CONVINCED ANYONE, IN SPITE OF THE PRO-AMERICAN
PROGRAMS ON TELEVISION AND THE KILOMETERS OF FLAGS HANGING ALONG THE
MAIN ARTERIES." HE SAID ONE OF THE MAIN TOPICS OF THE TOKYO TALKS
WOULD BE "THE PROPOSAL OF DR. KISSINGER FOR HELPING TO SOLVE THE
OIL CRISIS" AND ASSERTED THAT "THE JAPANESE HAVE ALREADY ANSWERED
THAT, IN PRINCIPLE, THEY PREFER THE FRENCH PROPOSAL WHICH DOES NOT
OBLIGE THEM TO CURTAIL THEIR ECONOMIC PACE IMMEDIATELY. BUT DR.
KISSINGER WILL PERHAPS MANAGE TO MAKE THEM REVIEW THE NUANCES OF THEI
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DECISION BEFORE MR. SAUVAGNARGUES ARRIVES FOR A VISIT LATER THIS
WEEK. RUMOR HAS IT THAT JAPAN WOULD LIKE TO FIND A COMPROMISE BETWEEN
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THE AMERICAN AND FRENCH PROPOSALS."

WEST GERMANY: PAPERS GAVE FRONT AND INSIDE-PAGE PROMINENT PLAY TO TOKYO EVENTS INCLUDING PRESIDENT FORD'S "SEARCH FOR PEACE" REMARKS.

FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE SAID TUESDAY THAT U.S.-JAPANESE RELATIONS HAD BEEN MARKED BY DISTRUST SINCE THE NIXON "SHOCKS" OF 1971 WHEN THE U.S. LET THE DOLLAR FLOAT AND ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH PEKING.

RIGHT-CENTER DIE WELT OF HAMBURG CALLED THE VISIT "HISTORIC AND SYMBOLIC" AND SAID IT INDICATED THAT MR. FORD CARES MORE ABOUT FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH JAPAN THAN DID HIS PREDECESSOR. IT ASSERTED THAT THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY WAS THE "SORE SPOT" IN THE TALKS.

PRO-CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC WESTFAELISCHE RUNDSCHAU SAID THAT BECAUSE OF TANAKA'S POLITICAL WEAKNESS, MR FORD HAD BEEN CAREFUL TO SEEK MEETINGS WITH OTHER JAPANESE LEADERS. THE PAPER DECLARED THAT WHILE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS EXPECTED OF TOKYO-WASHINGTON AGREEMENT ON BASIC MATTERS, THE ASIAN TRIP WAS OVERSHADOWED BY THE VLADIVOSTOK MEETING, WHERE "THE NEW MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE WILL REALLY UNDERGO HIS FIRST TEST IN TOP-LEVEL INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATION."

WEST GERMAN TELEVISION RAN FILM OF THE JAPANESE DEMONSTRATIONS, ACCOMPANIED BY A STUDIO COMMENTATOR'S ASSURANCES THAT THE DEMONSTRATORS REPRESENTED ONLY A SMALL MINORITY. THE FILM AND NARRATION APPEARED TO CONTRADICT HIM SOMEWHAT.

ROME: PAPERS GAVE INSIDE-PAGE PLAY TO THE TRIP. CENTER-LEFT LA STAMPA

OF TURIN DESCRIBED THE TOKYO ATMOSPHERE AS "TENSE." INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE CORRIERE DELLA SERA OF MILAN HELD THAT "BECAUSE OF "TANAKA'S SHAKY POSITION, THE TALKS WILL BE OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE." CENTER-LEFT IL GIORNALE OF MILAN CLAIMED THAT "FORD IS LOCKED IN A VOID" AND "TOKYO IS IN A STATE OF SIEGE."

U.S. CORRESPONDENT MARIO LUCENTINI OF MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD IL GIORNALE OF MILAN SAID THAT "JAMES RESTON EXPRESSED THE HOPE IN A RECENT ARTICLE THAT THE ABSENCE OF FORD AND KISSINGER MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED AT THIS MOMENT BY THE HOPE THAT SOMETHING MIGHT BE DONE AT THE VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT TO CONTAIN THE DETERIORATING INTERNATIONAL SITUATION."

ZURICH: THE NEUE ZUERCHER ZEITUNG REPORTED TUESDAY FROM TOKYO THAT "THE ANTI-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS ARE HARDLY CONVINCING. IT SAID TOKYO HAS FAVORED THE FRENCH PROPOSAL ON ENERGY AND THAT "ALTHOUGH FORD'S HOSTS SURELY HAVE NOT SAID SO LITERALLY, JAPAN DRAWS A

GROUPING THAT COULD LEAD TO A CONFRONTATION WITH THE OIL PRODUCERS... UNCLASSIFIED

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AS ALWAYS, JAPAN WOULD LIKE TO STEER A MIDDLE COURSE BETWEEN AMERICA AND THE ARABS..."

THE PAPER REMARKED THAT "FORD'S SHORT STOPOVER IN SEOUL, UNDER GENERAL PARK'S OPPRESSIVE REGIME, IS A TICKLISH ASSIGNMENT... TRUE, PARK MADE SOME LIBERAL GESTURES ON THE EVE OF FORD'S VISIT...HOW LONG THIS NEW TENDENCY WILL CONTINUE IS A QUESTION..."

VIENNA: HUGO PORTISCH WROTE MONDAY IN MASS-CIRCULATION KURIER THAT THE SECURITY MEASURES IN TOKYO AND SEOUL WOULD "PERHAPS SUFFICE

TO KEEP DEMONSTRATORS UNDER CONTROL, BUT IF THIS PROVES IMPOSSIBLE IT WILL NOT BODE WELL FOR THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST MEETING WITH BREZHNEV." PORTISCH ASKED, "WILL BREZHNEV FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF KHRUSHCHEV, WHO AT THIS MEETING WITH KENNEDY DID NOT CONTINUE WHERE HE HAD LEFT OFF WITH EISENHOWER, BUT TRIED TO GET MUCH MORE FROM THE NEW, INEXPERIENCED PRESIDENT? ...PRESIDENT FORD WILL HAVE TO SHOW

A GREAT DEAL OF FORESIGHT AND EVEN MORE CAUTION."

COPENHAGEN: LIBERAL POLITIKEN SAID TUESDAY THAT "FORD CANNOT HELP THAT HIS PREDECESSORS, PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT NIXON, STEPPED ON THE TOES

OF ASIA'S ECONOMIC SUPERPOWER, JAPAN. FOR THAT REASON ALONE IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT HE GO TO JAPAN." HOWEVER, OF THE SEOUL VISIT THE PAPER SAID, "PRESIDENT CHUNG HEE PARK'S SUPPRESSION HAS REACHED A NEW HIGH. IT ONLY MAKES FORD'S ARRIVAL SO MUCH MORE TRAGIC-COMIC THAT FOR THE OCCASION THEY LET UP FOR A BIT ON THE WORST PERSECUTION."

TOKYO: TUESDAY'S JAPANESE MEDIA GAVE TOP COVERAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD'S ARRIVAL IN TOKYO AND THE BEGINNING OF THE U.S.-JAPAN SUMMIT TALKS.

COMMERCIAL NET TELEVISION DECLARED THAT THESE TALKS "ARE EXPECTED TO BE A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PRINCIPLES BECAUSE OF THE UNSTABLE JAPANESE POLITICAL SITUATION." HOWEVER, IT WENT ON TO STATE THAT "THE U.S. SIDE IS EXPECTED TO MAKE CONCRETE REQUESTS ON THE U.S. PLAN TO CUT OIL CONSUMPTION AND TO ESTABLISH A FOOD RESERVE SYSTEM," ADDING THAT THE U.S. WOULD PROBABLY "ASK JAPAN TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS FOR THE FOOD RESERVE SYSTEM."

INDEPENDENT LIBERAL ASAHI CARRIED A REPORT WHICH SAID JAPAN HOPES TO SWITCH EMPHASIS FROM MILITARY TO ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE U.S.-JAPAN SECURITY STRUCTURE BECAUSE OF THE ADVENT OF THE RELAXATION-OF-TENSION ERA. POINTING OUT THAT THE JAPANESE SIDE "HOPES TO STRESS UNCLASSIFIED

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U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATION AT THE SUMMIT ON PROBLEMS CONCERNING RESOURCES, ENERGY AND FOOD INSTEAD OF MILITARY AFFAIRS," IT CONTENDED THAT "THE GREATEST ATTENTION AT THE SUMMIT WILL FOCUS ON JAPANESE REACTION TO THE U.S. PROPOSALS ON FORMING AN 'ALLIANCE OF OIL-CONSUMING NATIONS' AND THE 'WORLD FOOD RESERVE PLAN.'" WITH REGARD TO OIL, THE PAPER ASSERTED THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR JAPAN TO CARRY OUT A 10 PER CENT REDUCTION BECAUSE OF THE JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE. AS FOR THE FOOD PROBLEM, IT SAID THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO UNEASY ABOUT JAPAN'S SHARE OF THE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF THE 60-MILLION TON FOOD RESERVE PLAN PROPOSED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER. IT NOTED THAT JAPAN WAS IN A WEAK POSITION AT THE ROME CONFERENCE BECAUSE IT WAS CAUGHT BETWEEN THE KISSINGER PLAN AND THE STRUCTURE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

TUESDAY'S INDEPENDENT MODERATE YOMIURI INDICATED A POSSIBILITY THAT THE OIL AND FOOD PROBLEMS WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE JOINT

COMMUNIQUE IN MORE CONCRETE FORM THAN A SIMPLE EXPRESSION ON THE
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY, SAYING "THIS IS BECAUSE THE U.S. IS EXPECTED
TO SEEK STRONG AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN AS WELL AS EUROPE ON THE U.S.
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